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sist that war is a ridiculous means of solving problems, that it is contemptible, when, were it not to spare the feelings of our friends and neighbors who claim to believe in it and who have done their best to bring on another period of slaughter (mostly to make business move somewhat faster and more profitably), we would speak our inmost conviction boldly and say to their faces what we think in our hearts: War is a disgraceful, disgusting and damnable proceeding from first to last, whether it be war openly showing itself on the field of carnage or war as it mostly expresses and exercises itself in these so-called peaceful days, when more men, women and children are starved to death or driven to their own destruction in a week than the bloodiest campaign ever counted as its victims.

This, then, is the atom of truth for which — since it is, as has been well said, more to our advantage to know our weak point than it can possibly be to our enemy's — we heartily thank the *Christian Register's* editor.

If by sparing the feelings of others we lay ourselves open to charges of cowardice, etc., that is nothing; but if by pursuing such a course as is most agreeable to our feelings of love and comradeship for all we are injuring our cause and weakening the presentation of that portion of the truth which we see clearly, we have no alternative: we must use such language as will pierce the hearts now encased in brutal customs which should have long since been outgrown, cast aside, even though by so doing we shock our own ears and senses.

TURNERSVILLE, TEXAS.

New Books.

THE TRAGEDY OF PAOTINGFU. By Isaac C. Ketler. New York: The Fleming H. Revell Company. 408 pages. Price \$2.00, net.

This book is an authentic story of the lives, services and martyrdom of the eleven missionaries of the Presbyterian, Congregational and China Inland Missions who were killed at Paotingfu by the Boxers June 30 and July 1, 1900. The letters of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Edson Simcox, two of the martyred missionaries, furnish the general thread of the narrative, though along with these there is much other valuable information. These letters were written to friends before and during the Boxer outbreak with no thought of their ever being published. There is about them, therefore, a beautiful naturalness which makes them most attractive though often very distressing reading. They throw much light on the character of the Chinese, on methods of mission work in that country, and give us a true insight into the terrible experiences of those dark days of suffering and death. Incidentally the story tells much of the native Christian helpers, a number of whom also were slain because of their fidelity to their new faith and to those who had brought them the knowledge of Jesus Christ. There is no chapter in the whole Book of the Martyrs that contains more painful and pathetic incidents than some which are recorded in this story. Mrs. Simcox before the mob, pleading as only a mother can plead for the life of a child, but all to no avail; Mr. Simcox seen through a window at the last moment, pacing back and forth, holding his two boys by the hand as smoke and flame

enveloped the house,— these and other scenes call back the days of Nero and the fearful tragedies of the early persecutions. But the most painful remembrance about this whole story of persecution and martyrdom in China is that all the heroic endurance of suffering and all the deaths of missionaries and of native Christians were needless, and would never have had to be recorded if the Western nations had not, in their greed and aggression toward China, trodden under foot nearly every principle of the religion professed by them. It is London and Berlin and Paris, and not Peking, which will have to answer most largely in the judgment for these Christian martyrdoms.

Pamphlets Received.

LE PREMIER ARBITRAGE DE LA COUR DE LA HAYE. Les Fondations Californiennes et la Question de la Chose Jugée en Droit International. 50 pages, large octavo. The argument of Chevalier Descamps of Belgium, counsel for the United States. Brussels: E. Guyot, 12 rue Pachéco.

THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA. 16 pages. By Hon. George F. Seward, LL.D., formerly United States Minister to China. Address before the Congregational Club of Brooklyn, N. Y. New York: George F. Seward, 99 Cedar Street.

LES CONSEQUENCES ECONOMIQUES DE LA GUERRE. 8 pages. By Frederic Passy. Paris: Revue de la Paix, 10 rue l'Asquier.

AN AMERICAN ISTHMIAN CANAL AND THE CHOICE OF ROUTES. Speech of Hon. John T. Morgan in the United States Senate April 17, 1902.

FACTS ON ALASKA. North American Transportation and Trading Co.

THE JUDGE, THE POLICEMAN AND THE SOLDIER. 22 pages and cover. By Joseph Edmondson. London: Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co.

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